

**Consultation Response from Alan Smith,
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2025/91531 land off, Leeds Road, Heckmondwike, WF16 9DB

Demolition of existing semi-detached houses and associated buildings, and construction of 51 dwellings, including associated access and other associated works

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The following comments are made without prejudice and purely from the point of view of the Waste Collection Authority (WCA).

To meet the operational requirements of the Authority the following issues need to be addressed. Solving these will help create an environment that functions safely and efficiently for waste management and reduce the negative impacts of bin blight on the neighbourhood. This will also enable the proposal to better meet the policy requirements of LP24 part d (vi), LP43 and the Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD in respect of refuse collection. Ultimately this will be to the benefit both residents and the Authority for the life of the development.

The applicant has submitted Site Plan, "Drawing Number 2403-02-001 Rev A", dated 29/04/2025.

Waste storage and presentation:

- Layout drawings for this development site will need to show bin storage and bin collection points for all dwellings to demonstrate sufficient space and efficient collection arrangements – these must not cause obstruction to the highway, driveways or be blocked in by cars. Bin presentation space should be identified for each plot, on a hard surface and where a refuse collection vehicle (RCV) can be easily reached
- Space will be required for 3 x 240ltr bins at each property, 1x240ltr Residual, 1x240ltr Recycling and as the properties have gardens the space to accommodate a third bin for garden waste or to accommodate future changes to waste collection due to the implementation of Simpler Recycling legislation.
- Consideration must be given to the process of waste collection for properties which are occupied before the whole site is complete. Temporary measures may be required to allow waste to be stored / presented at an accessible location adjacent to the nearest adopted highway. The Authority will not enter construction sites for the purpose of domestic waste collection. A pre-occupation condition will be required to address this and any other outstanding waste collection details. It is likely that the temporary collection point will be by Leeds Road.
- **Developers are encouraged to bulk order 240ltr wheeled bins directly from the WCA that they can then distribute to residents when they take possession of their new homes. This approach optimises delivery rather than individual homeowners having to contact Kirklees Council to request their own bins. To enquire about ordering wheeled bins please email trade.waste@kirklees.gov.uk.**
- The Authority will not take an RCV into private drives or roads that are not built to adoptable standards. Guidance BS5906:2005 specifies that the maximum drag out distance from each individual property to the Bin Collection Point (BCP) is 25m.

Specific comments for different plots on the site are as follows:

- Plot 1, the distance from the bin storage point to the BCP is over 25m. The issue with this is the resident could opt to keep their bin at the front of their property.

Consideration needs to be given to providing this property with a bin store located at the front of their property. Storage to the front of houses should be screened and avoid wheeled bins being left adjacent to doors and under windows.

- Plots 5 – 9, the distance from the bin storage point to the BCP is over 25m. The issue with this is the residents could opt to keep their bins at the front of their property. Consideration needs to be given to providing these properties with a bin store located at the front of their property. Storage to the front of houses should be screened and avoid wheeled bins being left adjacent to doors and under windows.
- Plots 25 – 29, the distance from the bin storage point to the BCP is over 25m. The issue with this is the residents could opt to keep their bins at the front of their property. One option is to move the BCP for these properties or provide them with a bin store located at the front of their property. Storage to the front of houses should be screened and avoid wheeled bins being left adjacent to doors and under windows.
- Plots 44 – 46, the distance from the bin storage point to the BCP is over 25m. The issue with this is the residents could opt to keep their bins at the front of their property. One option is to move the BCP for these properties or provide them with a bin store located at the front of their property. Storage to the front of houses should be screened and avoid wheeled bins being left adjacent to doors and under windows.

Refuse Collection Vehicle access:

The Authority defers to Highways colleagues for technical analysis of the road layout and swept paths in respect of RCV access but offers the following observations in this regard.

- Section 45 (1)(a) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 imposes a duty on the Waste Collection Authority to arrange for the collection of household waste in its area. Regardless of the whether a private collection contractor is used the WCA would wish to ensure there is sufficient waste storage capacity on site, appropriate access, and that if the responsibility for collection falls to the WCA in future that efficient waste collection can be achieved.
- Suitable site access and manoeuvrability space for a RCV is vital to the Council's ability to discharge its obligation to collect waste from domestic properties. This obligation will exist in perpetuity on any residential development and as such will be a critical consideration in the layout of the site.
- Turning heads have a significant impact on waste collection operations. Where RCV's needs to turn around it is slows / adds to collection time which has a long-term impact on collection efficiency for the lifetime of the property compared to looped roads. Reversing is a recognised safety risk for crews and pedestrians. **The Waste Industry Safety and Health (WISH) Forum guidance states "Reversing causes a disproportionately large number of moving vehicle accidents in the waste/recycling industry. Injuries to collection workers or members of the public by moving collection vehicles are invariably severe or fatal. BS 5906:2005 recommends a maximum reversing distance of 12m."**

- Where turning is necessary, the turning facilities must be demonstrably sufficient for an 11.22m refuse collection vehicle. **Active measures should be taken to prevent parking in the turning head as otherwise an RCV would have a very long reverse manoeuvre which is a recognised safety risk and is not acceptable.**
- The Authority will not take an RCV into private drives or roads that are not built to adoptable standards. Where the Plan shows shared surface streets, confirmation is sought these are adopted / constructed to adoptable standard.
- The WCA will require the identification of a location close to the entrance of each phase, accessible from an adopted highway or other accessible road within the development, where temporary waste collection or bin collection points can be established, where the development is phased.

If the application is approved, the following conditions are requested to cover any phased occupation of the site:

- A. Before development commences, further details to ensure suitable storage, and access for collection of wastes from the dwellings shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The approved details shall be provided before first occupation and shall be so retained thereafter.
- B. Where implementation of the development hereby approved is to be phased, and / or any of the dwellings hereby approved are to become occupied prior to the completion of the development, details of temporary arrangements for the storage and collection of wastes from those residential units, and details of temporary arrangements for the management of waste collection points, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the occupation of those residential units. The temporary arrangements so approved shall be implemented prior to first occupation of those residential units and shall be so retained thereafter for the duration of the construction works unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Waste policy context:

- Local Plan Policy LP24 (part d.vi) and National Planning Policy for Waste (para 8) by – “incorporating adequate facilities to allow occupiers to separate and store waste for recycling and recovery that are well designed and visually unobtrusive and allows for the convenient collection of waste”
- Local Plan Policy LP43 Waste Management Hierarchy “The council will encourage and support the minimisation of waste production and support the re-use and recovery of waste materials including, for example, recycling, composting and Energy from Waste recovery”.
- Scheme design should conform to Building for a Healthy Life (2020); Building Regulations 2010 part H6; and British Standard 5906:2005 Waste Management in Buildings Code of Practice.
- Further advice and full guidance is contained in the [Kirklees Waste Management Design Guide 2020](https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/guidance-and-advice-notes.aspx) found at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-applications/guidance-and-advice-notes.aspx> and the [Kirklees Highway Design Guide SPD](https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/adopted-supplementary-planning-documents.aspx) found at <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/planning-policy/adopted-supplementary-planning-documents.aspx> [Kirklees Local Plan](#) can be found at [Kirklees Local Plan Strategy and Policies](#).